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VISA NORMS RELATING TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has effected any changes in the visa norms relating to Pakistan after Samjhauta Express bomb blast event;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which such change are likely to be brought into effect; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) No changes in the visa norms have been effected by the Government after the blast in the Delhi-Attari express. Government had however, facilitated issuance of visas expeditiously to the relatives of deceased and injured in the above incident. A new bilateral visa agreement has been under discussion with Pakistan since October 2005 to liberalise the existing visa regime.